

Newer Porsche spare (came from a Cayman – my '97 Boxster has the same one) resting against factory tire (~ same dia) – fits front and rear of my '87 S4 (over the brakes) and uses the existing lug nuts to fasten. My factory (steel rim) spare and this replacement weight 34 lbs and 22.5 lbs, respectively. Tire load rating is 90 (1323 lbs) – Ttirerack sells a wider 115 (vs. 105) with a 95 (1521 lbs) load rating if desired. I'm good with the 105 to get me to a place where the flat can be repaired/replaced.



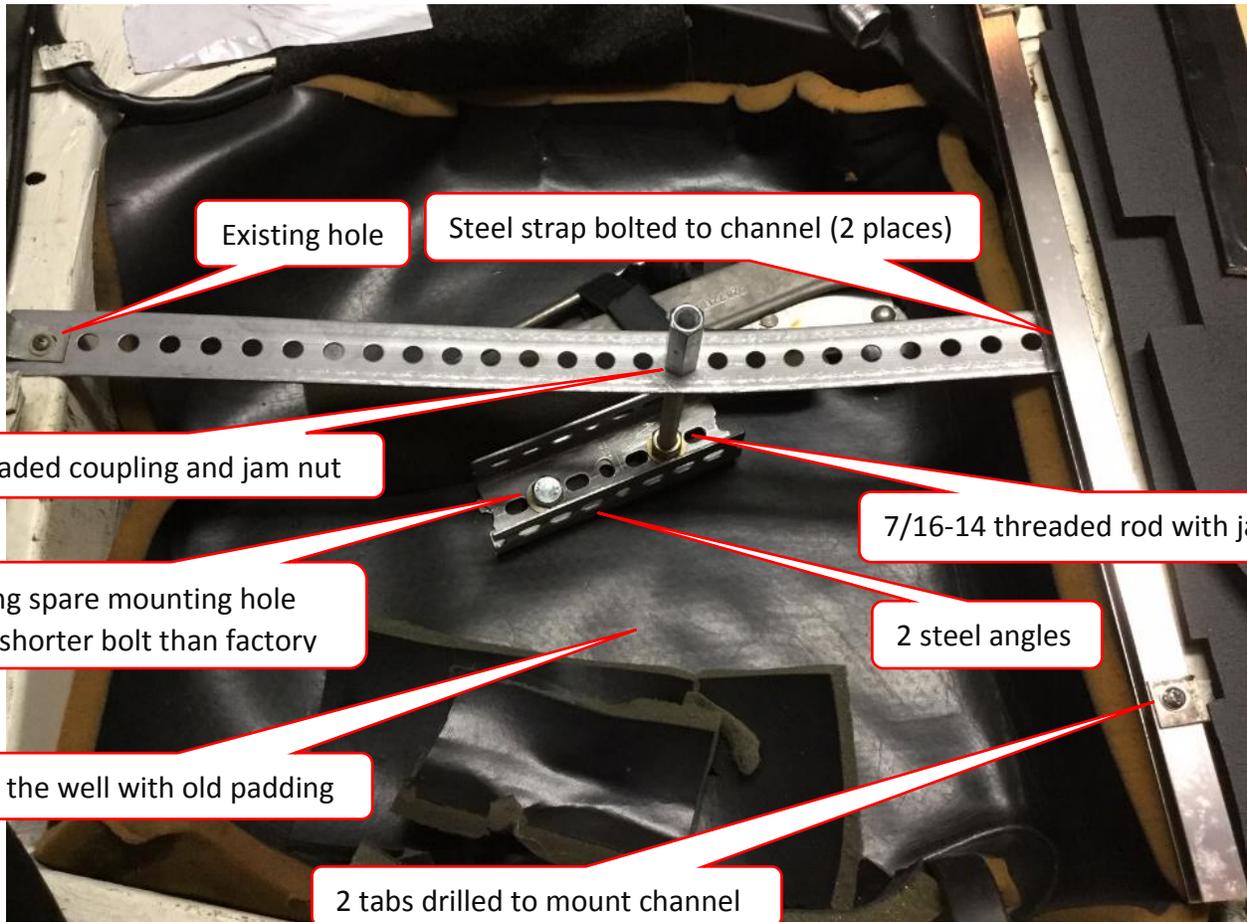
Pieces of spare carpet stuck on with double sided tape to act as a buffer against my new hatch carpet

The natural place to stow it in the hatch above the factory spare. With the larger diameter, fastening screw does not line up with existing spare screw – offset is a few inches.



My spare (ebay) came with the hold down plate, but the factory 928 one works, too

But how to secure it without doing a lot of butchering to the car? Only permanent mod was drilling a hole on the 2 spare cover tabs. Takes 2 minutes to remove the entire structure in tact to access the battery. All hardware was obtained from Lowes.



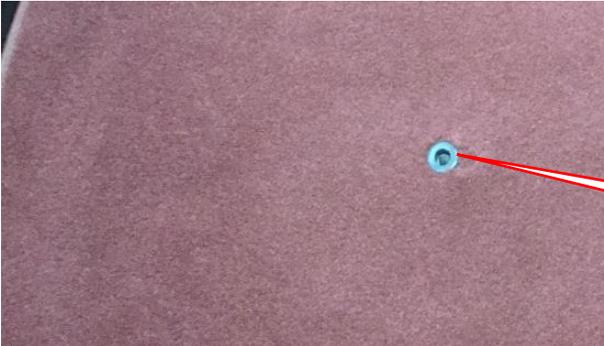
Not pretty, but the mount is very solid and allows you to also secure the flat tire in place. Filled the rear portion of the tub with spare belts, etc. Front of the tub has the jack secured with Velcro straps. Old carpet padding used on steel angles to protect belts.

Using the factory cover as a template, I made a new one out of thin ply wood, and modified it as necessary to fit in the channel, incorporate the hole, etc. (Didn't want to modify the factory one). That's black tape you see around cutouts.

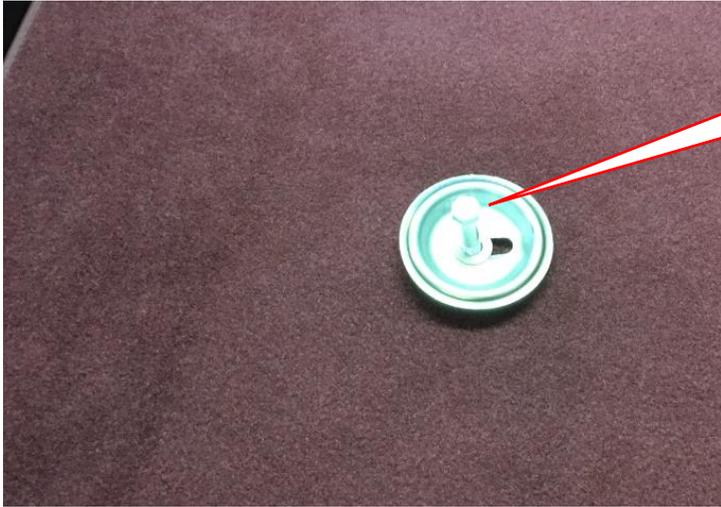


Applied thick foam tape in strategic locations around the perimeter

Hole added to new padding and carpet (my entire carpet is newly installed).



Rubber grommet mounted to carpet



17mm wrench in tool kit fits well enough to work on this 7/16-14 bolt

Ordered extra carpet to make a cover for the spare. I cut it to size and my wife sewed it up for a nice result.



Final installation – takes up some luggage space, but meets my needs – much prefer a reasonable spare. Made a thin plywood disc to sit over the rim - bonded to the carpet with contact adhesive – provides support when items get place on top. Kind of reminds me of an even *more* vintage GT car, sans the leather straps holding the tire. Most people don't realize it isn't a factory installation.

